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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PINS, PINT, SL

SUBJ: SIERRA LEONE ELECTIONS

1. THE STAGE NOW HAS BEEN SET OFFICIALLY FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS. PRESIDENT SIAKA STEVENS DISSOLVED THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT APRIL 4, AND GOVERNMENT MADE AVAILABLE COPIES OF THE ELECTORAL REGISTERS. MEANWHILE, TEAMS REPRESENTING ELECTORAL COMMISSION ARE TRAVELLING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO ACQUAINT VOTERS WITH THE SYSTEM OF VOTING, A SYSTEM WHEREBY ELECTORS WILL CAST THEIR VOTE BY COLORED MARBLES RATHER THAN BY PAPER BALLOT.

2. ALTHOUGH THE EXACT DATE OF THE ELECTION HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, PRESIDENT STEVENS LAST WEEK SAID IT WOULD BE HELD EITHER THE LAST WEEK IN APRIL OR THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY. BOTH THE RULING APC AND THE OPPOSITION SLPP ARE ACTIVELY

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SEARCHING FOR CANDIDATES, AND A NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED TO RUN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. 97 SEATS WILL BE FILLED, 12 OF WHICH ARE RESERVED FOR PARAMOUNT CHIEFS. AFTER THE ELECTION, PRESIDENT STEVENS, WHOSE TERM HAS FOUR MORE YEARS TO RUN, WILL CHOOSE HIS VICE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND THE REST OF HIS CABINET.

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